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Manfield Jan 3rd 32

Uncle Finley

For to catch an idea, I have been waiting for several days, that I might answer your very welcome favour of a letter. But seeing this visitor has not come - and thus another "Post-hog oblong or long legged" thing round me - the day is warm, my room is tight, and they be rather a dull fire. The mercury tells so far this side of ice - I am too lazy to mend it - Now think you if I had a man with an uncommonly big nose stuffed with scotch snuff - would talk about Jackson all night - it would give me the chills had enough to require a double dose of no 6 - or worse than that give me one of the L.A. - The truth is I am to meet a kind of a Stult Preacher - who had neither "words or ideas" but thought he had meant a ram's horn - to write a page that would be worth reading - Now doubtless you have learned that we are in Mansfield - boarding with a Mr. J. B. Day - son in law to the Hon. Mr. Bartley late member of Congress - we shall probably sit up shop for ourselves in a few weeks - but shall not have the good fortune to be "in a new cabin just behind the fence" - So as the people in this place have been kinder very kind - we have lived free of expense - either for our own board - or keeping my horse - You remember Ezra Hedges - with whom the Bishop lodged during Conference - he says we shall have two rooms in his house - when ever we wish to commence house keeping - and as long as we want them - free from rent - our situation is one of which we should not complain - and the treatment we have received - more than we had any right to expect - so much for so much - The prospects on the District are not the joyful flattering that could be desired - but which did not think any place could be found where Methodism was so little understood as in some parts of this country - The cold almost - pher of Yankee Land is too sensibly felt - and no common thaw will be necessary for its removal. Tell me - do you know what modification of matters a Yankee is made of - surely not lumber



Wm. B. Bartley

Rev. C. F. Finley

Bridgeville

Ohio

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mean "the Lord make of the clay and sit to up just
de bannel de pinc to dry" - The must be made of an
Lee luy - and dryed by a north weather - Now if I
knew the proportions of each - that is necessary for
a "portion" - I might be tempted - to use the
dose of "agha forlis mixed with - opium and
calomel" and then use a little of the 3rd prepara-
-tion of No 2 - merely to tip off with - and then
try to work it off - but in such prescriptions
I fear the success and shall not attempt the
Experiments - Now did you ever see a Gan Bee
or cat go to meeting loaded with men women
and children - Now shall a sight for you, worth
looking at - again "two will you have your horse
tainted - with half dozen years of corn last him,"
- But to return I have closed my 1st round of
I. M. took in between fifty & fifty - and in most
places comfortable meeting - in two or three places
rather prosperous - My "New Saddle" rides better than
I thought it would - in general I have never had
more liberty or enjoyed myself better in trying to pre-
-ach than here - many of the duties are new - some
unpleasant - and the responsibility should have
been entrusted to other hands - Upon the whole the
country is more interesting than I had supposed - and
I am not displeased with my appointment -

As the old Dutchman in Cincinnati never
to write "I hear dat day got" great times in the
city - Maffitt is carrying away every thing - Had
you seen and heard the Extratic thing - the
Therape Comel - If so what think you of him
I was glad to hear of this revival - have any of
my acquaintances been subjects of it - Does it appear
to be a deep genuine work - or is the effluence
of momentary excitement - If I have room
for soon this time to wind toward a close
I often think of the days we have spent together
- Should be glad again to see you - but it can-
-not now - we must submit - Give our love to
Aunt - Bro & Sister Brothers - and all the family
with all our friends - Especially - Bro Collins, Eliza
Doe, Isaac, M'Comick, Mead & write soon
write often Pray for us

D. P. Has the I. M. Conference any
right to under our discipline to
recognize a charge of mal-administra-
-tion? answer this

Ad^r Clu.
W. B. Christie

January 14th 1833

Uncle Finley

You will see by the date of
Williams letter, it has been written some
time - but you must excuse me for not
sending it before - for he left it for me to
fill - and I have been so busily engaged I
have neglected it until this late hour - He told
you we intended to commence shop keeping in a
few weeks - I can now say we have already commenced
I commenced operations last Thursday morning, which
was the day he left home for Brunswick - to commence
his second round of I. M. meetings - he will not
return for two weeks - It is very queer kind
of business I can assure you for me to be living
alone - and something that will take a long time
for me to get used to - however it will try to make
the best of it - I think you could never have
lived among the Gan Bee much - or you would
learned to guess a little better - We have not
got a new cabben just over the fence - neither
we shully or rubbins to feed her with - and as yet
we do not own a cat or little James Finley to play
with her, however I do not say but we shall
own all these before we again see you - or at least
some of them - I am quite well pleased
with our situation - and should be much more
so if I could have a share of the side saddle
but home I must stay - or else as the old saying
is - ride shanks mare - But I know I am treated
much better than I deserve and will strive to
be content - please remember me affectionately to
Aunt Finley - together with all friends - how much
I should like to see her - - Pray for your unworthy
friend and sister

Ann C. Christie